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## The Bridge Question

The financial condition of McNairy county, as shown by the reports Monday, warrants the taxpayers to do a little thinking and do a little asserting.

The indebtedness is made up largely of two items, the tick eradication and bridges—the latter largely predominating. The people have already received more for the cattle sold than the cost of eradication, and the benefits are lasting; hence we are not criticising the judgment of the county court in making this expenditure, which, by the way, has been largely liquidated. The other item, of bridges, comes in for emphatic condemnation.

The bridge on Tusculum is cost over \$3,100.00 is not worth the powder for the game. It opens up a few hundred acres of land and a few families cut off in the extreme corner of the county by the creek. The whole push would not sell for half the money the county has spent since the war for bridges to let them out of their self selected trap to the body of the county. They can go out south and we favor donating to Mississippi that corner.

The thing that is worse than this on the bridge question is that of bridging every dry creek and little branch on every road in the county. They are built expressly to put a few dollars in the pocket of some local saw mill or pet of the road commissioners. The custom has been to let them out and the builder bring in a bill and some local justice, whose friend built it, says to the court it is all right, and "I move it be allowed" and away it goes. It may be a \$40 or a \$200 bridge, and neither needed by the public nor used by a dozen people.

Dry branches and small creeks can be crossed much better by a ford than by a bridge with its humping approaches.

The ford can be made across any of these places costing from one to five dollars and lasts forever. We are not talking through our hat. For five dollars we hauled rock and made a fine ford over a soft bed of Cypress creek one mile north of Selmer, where the county had spent thousands of dollars for bridges since the county was organized. For a few hours after a flood one could not ford a creek, neither can he cross the bottoms with a bridge.

If the county court will appoint a bridge committee as we understand has been ordered, and the committee be made up of practical men of common horse sense, with no favors to ask or favorites to be rewarded, and put up bridges where fords cannot be made, the bridge bills with its graft and slime of favoritism will be a thing of the past, after we have paid off the present unnecessary bills.

Dr. Robinson, member of the State Board of Health, appeared before the county court Monday and presented the matter of Hookworm eradication. Among other things he asked the court to pay incidentals in connection with the dispensary work in the county, with the understanding that the money is not due until the work has been done and reported to the court at its next meeting and then if the court doesn't think the money well spent every cent of the \$100 to be returned and no questions. It requires about two or three months to work a county, and besides spending the money that was asked to be appropriated in the county the Board of Health would have spent \$200 or \$300 of Rockefeller's money in the county. And what is best of all, hundreds of people would have been helped to a better scale of living. The work that has been done in the county shows 163 per cent of the school children infected with this parasite. The court did not act any way on the matter. A motion was not made even to accept or reject the proposition. It does look like \$100 appropriated to cure the children would not be out of harmony with giving four or five thousand

dollars for the benefit of the ticky cattle. There is to be no cost to the patient in treating the disease. It is a disease that can only infect the barefooted children or others in rare cases. We trust that the next court will make the small appropriation, and help the life and health of many a sickly and emaciated boy and girl in the county.

A good roads meeting has been called to be held at Jackson Oct. 17, looking to the building of a highway from Jackson to Corinth. They solicit the presence of the members of our county court and all others. It would necessarily pass through Chester and McNairy. The matter is being pushed at Corinth and Jackson. We trust some of our people will attend and report what they find in the scheme.

## Leader Abernathy

One of the strongest and ablest members of the house at the recent session was the Hon. William K. Abernathy. Probably no member of the legislature made a better record; few made one that will compare to McNairy's representative. Cool, deliberate, possessed of a clear head and good judgment, with the rare ability to state a proposition, Mr. Abernathy's services as a leader of the minority have been invaluable. Mr. Abernathy is a legislator of experience, having served altogether four terms in the house. No suspicion of improper motive has ever attached to any of his legislative acts. The state is fortunate in having a man of his character, courage and ability in the legislature. It is a great pity that more of them are not drafted for legislative services.—Columbia Herald.

## Sparks Famous Shows

This aggregation of thrilling and spectacular performances was here Tuesday. A good crowd was in attendance, and all acclaim it the best show ever visiting Selmer. In the whole performance there was nothing but the cleanest exhibition. Every performer, including the horses, ponies, elephants and sea lions, did their stunts to perfection. We favor giving credit to merit, and show people who are honest, clean and proficient are as much entitled to commendation as any other people, we therefore have no hesitancy in fully endorsing Sparks Shows as entitled to the patronage and respect of people before whom they appear. We are not paid for this notice, which we give because of the pleasure they gave our people by their performances.

Children that are pale, sickly and peevish, with dark rings under the eyes, fickle appetite, and who appear to get no nourishment from the food they eat are surely suffering from worms. Give them White's Cream Vermifuge and note the wonderful improvement. They soon take on flesh and are rosy, active and cheerful. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by B. L. Browder, exclusively. adv

## County Court--October Term

The special committee appointed at a former term of the court to investigate and report the present indebtedness of the county, made their report Monday. They did not give any items making the totals but reported:

Outstanding Warrants.....\$ 5,000.00  
Claims filed and recommended to be paid.....6,381.33

making a grand total of.....\$11,381.43

The report was adopted, and the claims reported ordered to be paid in warrants.

An order was made directing that all warrants now outstanding and hereafter issued shall be registered with the Trustee, and draw 6 per cent interest after such listing until they are ordered by the Trustee to be delivered for payment.

H. C. Gooch, W. G. Perkins and J. E. Barham were the committee.

In the chill season see that your liver is active. Any derangement in that organ opens the door for malarial germs. An occasional dose of Herbine is all that is necessary to keep the liver in sound working condition. Price 50c. Sold by B. L. Browder, exclusively. adv

# OUR FAIR NEXT WEEK

## The Biggest Fair Yet

All Departments will be Filled

# 20 BIG SHOWS 20

## Fastest Racing Ever in County

Horses and Trainers Now on Grounds

## Children's Day Singing Contest First Day

COME FIRST DAY AND SPEND FOUR DAYS

## Liberty Springs

Farmers are all through pulling fodder. It shows who has the best corn. Some farmers make a mistake in leaving their corn too close in the row.

Sorghum making is the go this week. Frank Lipford and Truman Kirby are the sorghum makers in this section.

More peas are raised this season than usual. C. C. Plunk has eight acres in peas. Rube Morris made 16 bushels on half an acre of land with fertilizer.

Most everyone has a good field of corn, while cotton is short.

We need more lady farmers in our section. It seems they manage a crop better than many men. Mollie Plunk is making fine cotton on the W. N. Rose farm, which has been in cultivation 60 years.

Oscar Gage and J. T. Gage are breaking land and sowing a cover crop on the land. They learned something at the Farmers' Institute.

Henry Gage and myself have just finished sowing turnip seed. One cannot have too many turnips.

We are still eating beans at our house and second crop tomatoes, which were planted in June. I plant beans every two weeks through July and August, and have beans until frost. Farmers could raise more home supplies than they do, and try to keep down the high price of living.

I am raising four crops on the same land and leaving the land better than when I commenced in the spring.

Frank Lifford and wife have another fine boy at their house and Eber Holland a fine girl baby; Jack Fewel and wife have two, a boy and a girl, so you see we are keeping up all the corners.

We are sorry to note the death of Mrs. John Harris. She left a husband and eight children and a host of friends and connection. She was a member of the Christian church and the oldest daughter of Esq. W. W. Kirby.

We were all sorry to hear of the

sad death of E. F. Hendrix of Selmer. Charley Gage is building a new residence.

George Lifford attended the Memphis fair this week.

W. T. Hovis.

Chronic rheumatism contracts the muscles, distorts the joints and undermines the strength. A powerful penetrating and relieving remedy will be found in Ballard's Snow Liniment. It restores strength and suppleness to the aching limbs. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by B. L. Browder, exclusively. adv

## Thompson Springs

Since we have seen no news in the Independent from Thompson Springs, and there being many happenings, we will write a few lines to let its many readers know we are still on the McNairy county map.

Our little burg is growing wonderfully. W. F. Dancer has recently put in a saw mill and is busy every day whittling out the lumber for new houses. W. T. Crabtree, son of W. R. Crabtree, who has recently come in from the West, is having the material placed for a magnificent new residence for his father. He is logging for the new mill and says he can deliver as many logs as anyone, although his previous profession has been that of a cowboy. Alex Dillon is also laying the material for a new building. Also Will Teague has just completed a new house for his son. We now need a store, a gin and a postoffice and we will then have one of the best little burgs in the county.

And we are going to have one of the best schools this winter we have ever had. We have employed our same teacher, Prof. J. A. Moore, and with him as principal of the school we believe we are second to none.

W. O. Wallace and Alex Dillen are busy with the sorghum mill and of course we will not lack for good molasses this winter. They say they get plenty of chicken and potato pie, and are fattening every day.

Esq. Ramer is still on the sick list;

John Dancer is also no better.

The Teague boys are all hustlers, and we are more than glad to have them among us. They are not only good farmers, but good citizens.

Property in this section is going up wonderfully, and within the next 12 months we hope to see it still higher.

Yours truly,

W. O. W.

## Women Who Get Dizzy

Every woman who is troubled with fainting and dizzy spells, backache, headache, weakness, debility, constipation or kidney troubles should use Electric Bitters. They give relief when nothing else will, improve the health, adding strength and vigor from the first dose. Mrs. Laura Gaines, of Avoca, La., says: "Four doctors had given me up and my children and all my friends were looking for me to die, when my son insisted that I use Electric Bitters. I did so, and they have done me a world of good." Just try them. 50c and \$1.00 at all druggists or by mail. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis. adv

## District No. 1

Farmers of this vicinity are busy gathering their crops. Crops are short on account of dry weather.

J. C. Taylor is on the sick list this week.

George Coleman returned home Friday, after spending several days in Memphis.

Prof. Simmons' singing school closed Saturday at Sulphur Springs. Several from around Gooch school house attended the Mason march at Reaves graveyard Sunday.

C. N. Coleman is expected home Wednesday. He is employed by the street railway company at Memphis.

Success to the Independent.

MIKE.

A good remedy for a bad cough is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by B. L. Browder, exclusively. adv

## From The Chas. H. Gish Store

John Adams once said of George Washington that he had the most remarkable mouth he had ever seen, for nothing foolish ever escaped from it. There are not many men of whom this can be truthfully said, and yet each human being has but one mouth and it is left entirely to his control. Many mouths are heard speaking for us every day, giving information and making promises about the Merchandise and the Store's ways. They do not mean to say or do foolish things and in the main they are so careful and accurate that the store is much valued and commended. But there are bunglers and absent-minded persons who hurt us with their mistakes, which we always strive promptly to correct. The goodness of the store must not be lost sight of for unavoidable accidents or a few human failures.

## New Dress Goods

Keenest interest in the new Silks and Woolsens, for the very good reason that they are the newest in weaves and designs at 50c to \$1.50 the yard.

## New Suits, New Wraps

Some of the delectablest are hidden away in dust proof cases. Women's Suits and Long Coats, showing every imaginable new feature. On the West Balcony will be found many Sample Wraps for Women, Misses and Children at a saving of one-third in price.

## What is the Most You Expect for \$15 to \$25 in a Fall Suit?

Our reason for asking is because we made a special effort to show \$15.00 to \$25.00 Suits for Men and Young Men that are better than the most critical had expected to see at the price in Corinth this season. They are here and ready to be put to any fair test.

## On the East Balcony. It Will Save You Many a Dollar to Get Acquainted With the Lower-Priced Clothing Store

Hundreds of men know this to be true. But there are other hundreds who have yet to find it out. There is no better time than now. The new Fall Suits for Men and Young Men are here now. We know by the way they have impressed every man who has seen these (special purchased lots) that they are going to sell better than any suits we have yet been able to secure for this new kind of Clothing Store.

\$11.50 for Suits worth.....	\$18.00 to \$20.00
8.50 for Suits worth.....	15.00
6.45 for Suits worth.....	12.50
4.95 for Suits worth.....	\$8.00 to 10.00

Boys from 3 to 20 years of age are invited to see the largest Clothing Stock in North Mississippi at prices fully 25 per cent less than the same kind of clothing was a year ago. Boys' Suits \$1.95 to \$10.00.

## The Gathering of Thousands of Pairs of Shoes

We can say sincerely that the stock is the best we have ever seen. There is always an advantage in buying from people who know their goods and who use their knowledge to your satisfaction, so as to make you a permanent customer.

Outfitters to  
MEN AND  
BOYS

**CHAS. H. GISH**  
CORINTH, MISS.

Outfitters to  
WOMEN &  
CHILDREN

## Gravelhill

The heavy rain the first of last week damaged hay in the bottom by overflowing.

Cotton is opening very rapidly and picking is progressing nicely.

Mrs. L. H. Prince is improving, after a week's spell of severe sickness.

J. W. Springer is on the mend.

Our school building is almost completed, and school is in progress with a small but enthusiastic attendance.

Jno. English has added a new boiler to his machinery and keeping well up with gunning, which is a light job this time.

Dr. T. G. Jackson and wife are the happy recipients of a fine baby girl.

O. W. Smith has stocked up with a nice lot of goods, and is doing a good business.

J. W. Purviance and J. W. Prather attended the Sunday school rally at this place Sunday.

J. W. McCoy and J. B. Huggins went to Selmer Monday on business.

## A Gentle and Effective Laxative

A mild, gentle and effective laxative is what people demand when suffering from constipation. Thousands swear by Dr. King's New Life Pills. Hugh Tallman, of San Antonio,

Tex., writes: "They are beyond question the best pills my wife and I have ever taken." They never cause pain. Price 25c at druggists, or by mail, H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis. adv

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by B. L. Browder, exclusively. adv

## J. E. HAMILTON'S Barber Shop

For a Nice, Clean Shave or Up-to-Date Hair Cut

Clothes Cleaned and Pressed to look like new

Agents for the Southern Steam Laundry Basket leaves every Thursday. Bring us your laundry

Hot and Cold Baths.